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RE: Proposal to build a convention center in the Camp Daybreak area near North Liberty

Karen Hagerty:

wish to express my concern that an area now open to access and use by the general public will no longer be available if this proposal is approved. Establishing a convention center on 106 acres of beautiful woodland would result in the removal of hundreds of trees, the roadways are not adequate to handle the increased traffic, and there is no sewage disposal system on the property. The Johnson County government opposes this project as well as the city of North Liberty.

More and more of our woodlands are disappearing and along with it the habitat they provide for birds and other creatures. We humans need places away from cement and buildings to renew our spirit and remind us of our relationship with other creatures and our place in the universe. The Camp Daybreak area provides such a place. I urge you to make a decision that will save this lovely woodland area for the general public for years to come.

Sincerely,

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